Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 - 4 (canceled)

Claim 5 (currently amended):   A method comprising:

receiving, in a task extractor of a computer system, a first modified task having a first task update in response to an operation initiated by the task extractor, the first modified task corresponding to a first task that is extracted from a first document into a task repository using a first circuit of the task extractor, the first document corresponding to a first application;

receiving, in the task extractor, a second modified task having a second task update in response to the operation initiated by the task extractor, the second modified task corresponding to a second task that is extracted from a second document into the task repository using the first circuit of the task extractor, the second document corresponding to a second application;

synchronizing, in a task synchronizer of the computer system, the first task with the first modified task by updating the task repository with the first task update using a second circuit of the task synchronizer; and

synchronizing, in the task synchronizer, the second task with the second modified task by updating the task repository with the second task update using the second circuit of the task synchronizer.

Claim 6 (original):   The method of claim 5, the method additionally comprising updating the first document with the first task update by exporting the first modified task into the first document.

Claim 7 (original):   The method of claim 6, the method additionally comprising updating the second document with the second task update by exporting the second modified task into the second document.

Claims 8 – 18 (canceled)

Claim 19 (currently amended): A machine-readable storage medium having stored thereon instructions, the instructions when executed by a ~~machine~~ <u>computer system</u>, result in the following:

receiving<u>, in a task extractor of the computer system,</u> a first modified task having a first task update <u>in response to an operation initiated by the task extractor</u>, the first modified task corresponding to a first task that is extracted from a first document into a task repository <u>using a first circuit of the task extractor</u>, the first document corresponding to a first application;

receiving<u>, in the task extractor,</u> a second modified task having a second task update <u>in response to the operation initiated by the task extractor</u>, the second modified task corresponding to a second task that is extracted from a second document into the task repository <u>using the first circuit of the task extractor</u>, the second document corresponding to a second application;

synchronizing<u>, in a task synchronizer of the computer system,</u> the first task with the first modified task by updating the task repository <u>and a first individual task repository associated with a first task owner of the first modified task</u> with the first task update <u>using a second circuit of the task synchronizer, wherein the first modified task is visible to the first task owner but not to other task owners</u>; and

synchronizing<u>, in the task synchronizer,</u> the second task with the second modified task by updating the task repository <u>and a second individual task repository associated with a second task owner of the second modified task</u> with the second task update <u>using the second circuit of the task synchronizer, wherein the second modified task is visible to the second task owner but not to other task owners</u>.

Claim 20 (currently amended): The machine-readable storage medium of claim 19, the instructions when executed by the ~~machine~~ <u>computer system</u> additionally result in updating the first document with the first task update by exporting the first modified task into the first document.

Claim 21 (currently amended): The machine-readable storage medium of claim 20, the instructions when executed by the ~~machine~~ <u>computer system</u> additionally result in updating

the second document with the second task update by exporting the second modified task into the second document.

Claim 22 (new): The method of claim 5, further comprising updating a third document with the first task update by exporting the first modified task into the third document, the third document corresponding to a different application than the first application.

Claim 23 (new): The method of claim 22, further comprising updating the third document with the second task update by exporting the second modified task into the third document, the third document corresponding to a different application than the second application.

Claim 24 (new): The method of claim 5, further comprising checking for modified tasks at predetermined times.

Claim 25 (new): The method of claim 5, further comprising exporting the first and second modified tasks from the task repository into a single document for viewing by a user corresponding to a task owner of the first and second modified tasks.

Claim 26 (new): The machine-readable storage medium of claim 19, the instructions when executed by the computer system additionally result in updating a third document with the first task update by exporting the first modified task into the third document, the third document corresponding to a different application than the first application.

Claim 27 (new): The machine-readable storage medium of claim 26, the instructions when executed by the computer system additionally result in updating the third document with the second task update by exporting the second modified task into the third document, the third document corresponding to a different application than the second application.

Claim 28 (new): The machine-readable storage medium of claim 19, the instructions when executed by the computer system additionally result in checking for modified tasks at predetermined times.

Claim 29 (new): The machine-readable storage medium of claim 19, the instructions when executed by the computer system additionally result in exporting the first and second modified tasks from the task repository into a single document for viewing by a user corresponding to a task owner of the first and second modified tasks.